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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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| <b>REPLY/AMENDMENT<br/>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> | Attorney Docket No.  | 1538.1005         |              |
|  | Application Number   | 09/732,874        |              |
|  | Filing Date          | December 11, 2000 |              |
|  | First Named Inventor | Hidekazu ARAO     |              |
|  | Group Art Unit       | 2126              |              |
| AMOUNT ENCLOSED                            | 120.00               | Examiner Name     | Lechi Truong |

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)**

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED  | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Number Extra | Rate          | Calculations |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS       | 10                               | - 20 =                             | 0            | X \$ 50.00 =  | \$ 0.00      |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 2                                | - 6 =                              | 0            | X \$ 200.00 = | 0.00         |

Since an Official Action set an original due date of November 13, 2004, petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time to December 13, 2004 to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160):

\$120.00

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$500.00)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$130.00)

Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)

Total of above Calculations =

\$ 120.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

**TOTAL FEES DUE =**

\$ 120.00

(1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".

(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".

(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- ☒ Check enclosed as payment.
- ☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
- ☐ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:

Deposit Account No.

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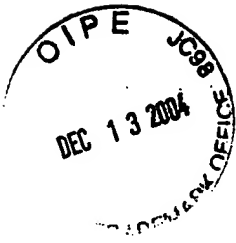
Deposit Account Name

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- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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| Typed Name | Darleen J. Stockley        | Reg. No. | 34,257            |
| Signature  | <i>Darleen J. Stockley</i> | Date     | December 13, 2004 |



Docket No. 1538.1005

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Hidekazu ARAO

Serial No. 09/732,874

Group Art Unit: 2126

Confirmation No. 2172

Filed: December 11, 2000

Examiner: Lechi Truong

For: MESSAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on November 13, 2004. A petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to December 13, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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